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EDITORS WILL BE COLLEGE GUESTS

State Press Association Will Hear Dr. Williams of Columbia School of Journalism.

By invitation of President Thomas and Mr. Crane, editor of The Middlebury Register, the Vermont State Press Association will hold a convention at the College Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19. This is the first time since the beginning of the war that the State press has been mobilized, and it is expected that the convention will bear much fruit, not only in the interests of journalism within the State, but in the entire movement for a "Bigger and Better Vermont."

Noted Names in List of Speakers

Among those who will speak at the sessions of the convention are Mr. N. A. Huse of New York, Vice-President of the American Press Association, and Dr. Talcott Williams, Dean of the Columbia University School of Journalism. Mr. Williams will be remembered by some of the older students as the speaker at the mid-winter meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society in 1915.

Banquet a la Hoover

Friday evening in the College dining hall a dinner of vegetables, fish, fowl, and fruit will be served. White flour and white sugar will be eliminated, but it is safe to say that they will not be missed. Following the dinner there will be remarks by President Thomas.

Meeting in Mead Chapel

At eight o'clock Dr. Williams will deliver an address in Mead Memorial Chapel. Music will be furnished by the College choir and orchestra. It is expected that Mr. Stone of the Associated Press will also speak.

Business Meeting Saturday

The business sessions of the convention will begin at eight o'clock Saturday morning. At ten o'clock the delegates will attend the daily chapel service. In this connection it may be said that one of the reasons given for changing the date of the convention so that it would not come during examinations was that the members were particularly desirous of attending the chapel service, which is suspended during examination week. The convention will adjourn at 11:30.

The sessions are open to the public, and it is hoped the students will take advantage of the opportunity thus presented to them, and will co-operate with President Thomas and Mr. Crane in extending the hospitality of the College to our guests.

Below is the program in full, which we publish by courtesy of The Middlebury Register.

PROGRAM.

Friday Afternoon, January 18.

2 O'Clock. Adress, "The Kind of Editorials That Makes Readers," Charles T. Fairfield, Rutland.

3 O'Clock. Symposium, "How to Increase Financial Receipts."
M. W. Wilson, Bristol.
Donald M. Tobin, Swanton.
H. C. Rice, Brattleboro.
D. M. Rose, Enosburg Falls.
J. W. Sault, Ludlow.

4 O'Clock. Address, "Co-operation," L. P. Thayer, Morrisville.

4.30 O'Clock. Address, "Foolish Things Vermont Publishers Do," M. C. Reynolds, Essex Junction.

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THE CAMPUS STARTS INTENSIVE DRIVE TO PAY OFF DEBT CONTRACTED IN 1915

College and Alumni Must Decide—Publication Will Cease Feb. 27 If Amount Is Not Raised

Debt of $511.67 Was Contracted From Jan. 1915 to June 1916—War Burdens and Increased Cost of Materials Have Forced Immediate Payments—Continuance Impossible Under Old Conditions

The Campus is launching this week an extensive campaign to pay off the debt of $511.67 to the Register Printing Company which was incurred a few years ago and handed on to the present Board to deal with. An effort will be made to reach a large number of the alumni as well as a direct appeal to the students and faculty.

Though inopportune following so closely numerous campaigns for funds of every description, it has been found necessary to raise the debt at this time in order to continue the publication of the paper. The Board will take every means in its power to close the campaign successfully and in the shortest possible time in order that they may be no doubt as to the outcome.

The critical condition of The Campus comes as a surprise to most of the alumni, who were unaware that the old debt still remained. The paper has been maintained without a break for several years, and just recently was changed from the old basis of twenty issues a year to a weekly.

War Forced Issue

War conditions are responsible for the immediate demands of the Register Company, as the cost of materials has jumped in every branch of industry since the war. Among other materials paper has been the largest factor in this unprecedented increase. Inspite of the increased cost of production on the part of the printers, the rates have not been increased for over three years, and the college has enjoyed the same rates which obtained for some time before the war influenced the cost of production.

A Square Deal

When the College sold out to the new proprietor, Charles E. Crane, the debt was also transferred. No interest has been charged on the amount and every consideration has been shown to enable the college to publish a creditable paper. Every opportunity has been given to meet the debt in the easiest way possible.

The Alternative

The College is confronted with the alternative of a prompt settlement of the account or a discontinuance of publication. The present campaign has been initiated to wipe out the debt and insure the continuance of the paper throughout the war.

Our Men in the Service

The Campus is being sent to our men in the service free of charge by the War Service Committee, and it has been found that it serves as a valuable medium between them and their Alma Mater. It is feared that with the loss of the paper the work of communicating with these men will be seriously handicapped, and a source of much valuable information to them will be lost. There are at present about 175 alumni in the service who are receiving the benefits of the paper, and many expressions of their appreciation have been received by the College and the War Service Committee.

Method of Campaign

The campaign will cover simultaneously the undergraduates, faculty, college, and alumni. A letter has been sent to the alumni which appears in full elsewhere in this issue. The Board has sent an appeal to the College for a liberal contribution, and it is believed that a generous subscription will be received from that quarter. The students are asked to contribute the fixed sum of $1.00 anticipating the completion of the required sum by the contribution of the alumni, faculty, and college. An ample opportunity will be given to receive pledges from those who are too far distant to reply before the campaign closes or who are unable to pay their pledges immediately. The campaign at the college will close the 22nd. It is announced that a member of the Vermont Press Association will deliver an address to the students on the importance of maintaining the college publication during the war as a patriotic duty.

A canvassing committee has been appointed to personally receive the pledges of the students, all of which will go, according to the agreement, to the payment of the debt. It is expected that a successful campaign will result in a small sum to be applied to needed improvements in equipment. No pains have been spared to make the campaign a complete success.

How Incurred

The debt which threatens the discontinuance of The Campus was incurred during the years 1915-16, when the paper was at a low ebb. The old system which then prevailed is held to be responsible for the deficiency. Under this system there was little responsibility placed on any member of the business staff, and as a consequence the accounts were hopelessly mixed and many of the paper's assets were permanently lost. In the spring of 1916 The Campus adopted a written constitution which regulated the election of officers on a credit system and did away materially with the inefficiency of previous years. Since that time the debt has been slightly reduced, though to no considerable extent.

The Present Status

Although the paper had previously made gains in reducing the debt, the conditions caused by the war checked its progress through loss of advertising. At the present time The Campus is about holding its own but entirely unable to branch out or make any one of the many needed improvements.

The fate of the college weekly for many years to come will be decided by the results of this campaign.

It has been definitely announced that failure to liquidate the debt entire by the last of February will result in the prompt discontinuance of the paper at that time, so far as the present board is concerned.

A. B. KING WRITES OF WORK ABROAD

His Work in the Y. M. C. A. Described in a Letter From "Somewhere in France."

Below we publish an extract from a letter sent by Arthur B. King '12 to the College.

"Somewhere in France,"
December 9, 1917

After a tedious and somewhat restless trip across to Liverpool, I spent about five days in England experiencing the thrills of an air raid in London, having passed through Piccadilly Circus but a little more than a half hour before an aerial bomb crashed through one of the streets leading out from the circus. As usual the death toll was some seven women and a child.

——— (censor.) My heart was touched at the sight of some fifteen to twenty French orphans being taken to Paris having been sent through Holland and England. Children of northern France whose homes and parents were gone. My first real service was rendered to them for they were obliged to lie stretched out on the boat deck for their night's sleep and with scanty covering so I gathered together a number of blankets from our party and was thus able to help keep the poor kiddies warm. And they surely did appreciate it. They told me so and though I did not understand by their words I did by their faces.

I had a pleasant time in Paris. My stay there lasted six days. I saw a great deal in that short time but still there ——— (censor) it must be in peace times.

And from Paris I went to my first assignment. I should like very much to tell you where, but that is not permissible as you know. Three weeks there and then I was removed to a smaller town about three miles away, where I have been since. In both places, I have been, with infantry first and now with machine gun companies, of the Regular Army. We are located some miles from the front and so I have nothing in the way of exciting events to relate. Yet it is often we hear the rumbling of the big guns on the front and realize we are in a war. I have had one free day since leaving Paris and that I spent in Christmas shopping. My trip took me to within some dozen miles of the lines and a place where I should not care to live at night, judging by the appearance of the town.

I presume you are anxious to know about my work and how I am spending my time and—I can say truthfully—my energy. Outside of the day off I mentioned I have been in my hut every morning, had my canteen opened at four in the afternoon and been at work there every evening until 8:30. My first assignment took me to a hut to relieve a man who was taken sick. Then after breaking in a new man there I was transferred to a place to start a new building. I understand I am to be here permanently, that is until the companies go up to the front and then I go with them. A canteen worker is to come here and my work will be somewhat easier. And what a blessing to have one American woman in town!

The one big task of all is to hand out all day long a good natured smile and a kindly word to all. I believe that is the biggest thing I do. Sometimes it is hard and things don't go just right but to have a pleasant word for every

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EDITORIAL.

The Issue

We are awaiting with great interest, and it must be confessed with no little anxiety, the results of the campaign to wipe out the Campus debt. The announcement of our critical financial condition doubtless comes as a complete surprise to the students and alumni alike. We were aware that it was bound to come sooner or later, but we had not anticipated it so soon, and could have wished that it might not have been added to our already over-burdened obligations during the war.

Now that it has come we must squarely face the issue. Our answer to this challenge will likewise furnish an answer to many other questions, though the connection may not at once be evident without a little reflection. Certain queries naturally thrust themselves upon us now that we are rudely awakened out of our sleep and asked to pay this debt. How did it all come about? The Campus is on the term bill; why should I give another dollar to make up for the inefficiency of another? What is the use in keeping it going, anyway? WE ask of you, What does it mean to the College and the whole body of alumni as we give it to them from week to week? What does it mean to the College to have a weekly paper representing its interests in other institutions of learning? For all the effort expended, is there an equivalent return?

We never have seriously weighed the pro's and con's of these questions, assuming all the while that we were meeting a real need in some way. In keeping the alumni informed on all the important events of college life and in laying hold on the outside world through our numerous exchanges with preparatory schools all over New England and beyond, we had thought that the expenditure of money, time, and effort was amply justified. It may be that this was all a mistake, and that we might better have given our energies to something more practical.

In any case we are not the judges, nor do we pose as such. The burden of proof is upon you—the College, the alumni, the students, and the faculty. It is your paper—more truly so now than ever before. It is for you to weigh the evidence and render the verdict; but your time is short. Ask our men overseas what they think about it. Perhaps now that they have been entirely cut off from home ties they will answer you in no uncertain tones. Ask our men in the training camps on this side; perhaps they, too, can answer your query. Perhaps the debt will have to be paid sometime, anyhow; but then, there will be only the satisfaction of removing a debt long since due—a monument to our college spirit and business acumen. Nothing would remain but a "clean slate" and a record of what once was, but is no longer, because ———?

An Explanation

We feel that an explanation is due our readers in view of the delayed publication of the last two issues of The Campus. It is always difficult to prepare the copy and get it to the printers in good season during examination week. This year in addition to the usual difficulty, the affairs at the printing office were in a state of upheaval owing to the installation of a linotype machine on which this line of type was set.

The newcomer is a welcome guest to The Campus as well as to The Register, for it has solved one of our most perplexing problems—that of getting copy into type as soon as possible after being submitted. It has been very difficult to include the latest news in each issue of the paper and at the same time get it written up soon enough for the hand compositors to do their work at a normal rate. Under the new conditions it will be possible to minimize the difficulty of composition and thereby save a great loss of time for the members of the Board who do the proof-reading and make-up. Another change is the slightly different style of type used and a few minor alterations in the make-up which will not be very apparent to the unpractised eye. We hope to be able to give better service in the future.

Are Our Colleges Awake?

(From The Boston Herald.)

The college presidents who attended the conferences on war education in Chicago last week must have been impressed by the vigorous assertions which came from among their own number to the effect that American education in its higher branches is today being carried on wastefully and without any proper adaption to the new situation which confronts the country. President McCracken of Lafayette College went so far as to advocate the appointment of a federal educational administrator whose duty it would be to secure the pooling of all college interests. This, he intimated, would be the only effective way to prevent that waste through competition and duplication, which is just as objectionable in colleges as anywhere else at a time when all energies are being bent to the conservation of national resources and energies.

Here is in truth a startling proposition. Its practicability may be out of the question, although that is not at all certain, for we have seen various things hitherto accounted impractical come to pass during the last nine months. The significant thing is that any such radical project could be seriously put forth by an educator of high standing and conservative inclinations. It indicates how rapidly everything in our national life is whirling toward the maelstrom of centralization. Is it not time, therefore, for college faculties to sense this unmistakable trend and to grapple manfully with a situation which may completely pass beyond their control if the war lasts a year or two longer?

Why, for example, cannot all the colleges of New England agree to admit during the war period any graduate of a public high school without additional examinations, thus helping to recruit their attendance up to the normal level? Why cannot all our institutions of higher learning be put for the duration of the war on a twelve-months basis, omitting the long summer vacation and thus enabling the work which ordinarily takes four years to be done in three. Educators of the cloistered variety will balk at these and similar innovations, but not all members of college faculties are of this type, and it is these latter who should take the problem in hand.

WHO'S WHO

Among the distinguished graduates of Middlebury, none is perhaps more influential in present-day world affairs than Doctor James Levi Barton of the Class of 1881. Born in Charlotte, Vermont, September 23, 1855, he prepared for college in Beeman Academy, New Haven, Vermont, and entered Middlebury in 1877. Ordained in 1885, the year of his graduation from Hartford Theological Seminary, he became at once a missionary of the American Board, with headquarters at Harpoot, Turkey, until 1893. During this period he was a Director of the Eastern Turkey Theological School from 1889 to 1892, and President of Euphrates College in 1893. Since 1894 he has been one of the General Secretaries of the American Board, and since 1895 a Trustee of Middlebury College. Among his services as General Secretary has been deputation work in Japan in 1895, in India and Ceylon in 1900, and in China in 1907. He is the author of valued books in the field of his work: "The Missionary and His Critics," "The Unfinished Task," "Human Progress Though Missions," "Educational Missions," and others. In college he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Middlebury gave him the degree of D. D. in 1894, and LL. D. in 1913.

It is evident from such a record that few men in public life to-day are so well equipped by experience for dealing, in a spirit of far-sighted wisdom, with the great problems of international diplomacy that are pressing for solution. In the determining of United States policies his influence, though quiet, is unquestionably potent. During the past few weeks the voice of Colonel Roosevelt has been strident in condemnation of the counsel of the Administration that Turkey and Bulgaria be not included with Austria-Hungary in our declaration of war. We hazard the belief that the calm, cogent arguments of Doctor Barton, setting forth the unwisdom of such a declaration at this time, had no little influence in determining the Administration's course. And with all due deference to the Colonel's omniscience in many fields, we regard it as altogether likely that in this particular matter Doctor Barton is the better posted man.

Middlebury may well be proud of the statesmen on her alumni list; to name no others, Silas Wright and Edward J. Phelps would add luster to the annals of any institution. And not least among the number, when the final roll is written, will be the name of James L. Barton, of the Class of '81.

LETTER TO ALUMNI

To the Middlebury Alumni:

War conditions and the advanced cost of materials have forced the Register Printing Company to demand a settlement of The Campus debt of $511.67. The college administration has no further connection with the Register Company, and the liability consequently falls on the student body alone. The students have been heavily drained by numerous appeals for war relief, and an undue burden has thus been laid on non-producers Since The Campus serves a far larger body of alumni than of students, it is only fair to appeal to them also in this contingency.

We are face to face with the alternative of liquidating this debt or of discontinuing publication. The results of the latter are not pleasant to contemplate, since it bears so directly on the life of the college and its outside interests. It is of the utmost importance to maintain the integrity of each college interest at all hazards during the trying days ahead of us, and the discontinuance of the college paper would clearly indicate our inability to stand the strain.

The Campus exercises a most important function in binding to their Alma Mater the undergraduates now in the service and keeping them in close touch with the inner life of the College. That this is true is amply proved by first-hand evidence. Should The Campus fail at this critical time, the effect on these men, and reflexively on the College, can hardly be estimated.

To the alumni in general we make a direct appeal. Do you wish The Campus to go out of business at this time? With this debt on our hands, what would be the probability of its resuming publication after the war? In any event, the debt would still continue to harass those who had no part in incurring it. Sooner or later it must be paid.

The debt we are seeking to liquidate was not contracted by the present Board. We have proved during the past two years that the publication can be maintained with the necessary financial backing. Unless this can be secured, the gains made toward efficiency and a fair administration will be lost. Will you enable us to continue on the present basis?

We earnestly solicit a generous contribution, and shall endeavor to make The Campus worthy of your confidence and support.

Edgar A. Guest, from "A Heap o'Living."

The things that make a soldier great and
send him out to die,
To face the flaming cannon's mouth, nor
ever question why,
Are lilacs by a little porch, the row of
tulips red,
The peonies and pansies, too, the old
petunia bed,
The grass plot where his children play,
the roses on the wall,
'Tis these that make a soldier great.
He's fighting for them all.

'Tis not the pomp and pride of kings that
make a soldier brave;
'Tis not allegiance to the flag that over
him may wave;
For soldiers never fight so well on land or
on the foam
As when behind the cause they see the
little place called home.
Endanger but that humble street whereon
his children run,
You make a soldier of the man who never
bore a gun.

What is it that through battle smoke the
valiant soldier sees?
The little garden far away, the budding
apple trees.
The little patch of ground back there, the
children at their play;
Perhaps a tiny mound behind the simple
church of grey.
The golden thread of courage isn't linked
to castle dome,
But to the spot, where'er it be—the humble
spot called home.

And now the lilacs bud again, and all is
lovely there,
And homesick soldiers far away know
spring is in the air;
The tulips come to bloom again, the grass
once more is green,
And every man can see the spot where
all his joys have been.
He sees his children smile at him, he
hears the bugle call,
And only death can stop him now—he's
fighting for them all.

Class Teams

The season of 1918 should be one of the most interesting and closely contested of recent years. All three of the upper classes are greatly handicapped by the loss of men from their regular teams so that while the strength of the 1921 aggregation cannot be estimated very accurately, it would seem that the teams are very evenly matched.

Nineteen eighteen has lost two good men in Good and Dake but with "Beany" Parker who is probably the best basketball man in college, Captain Myrick, who last year was tied with Tatro for the top place in basket getting, and Christian, one of the fastest guards in the place, forming a nucleus, and such men as Crippen, Brewster, Drew and Whitney to fill out the squad they will give any team a good run for the championship.

To the juniors many are looking for the combination which will wrest the title from the hands of nineteen eighteen, and with Jenne and Holbrook at forward, Bolivar at center and Captain Towers and Jones at guard, they have a fast and smooth-working machine which will be hard to beat.

The sophomores have been hit the hardest by the loss of men, it would appear. Satterlee, Moran, and Courtney, three of their best men, are gone and it will be hard to find men to take their places. Captain Ginsburg and Heath nevertheless will make a fast pair of forwards, and with C. Parker, Aines, McSweeney, Ross and Cohen to choose from a team can be worked up which will bear watching.

The freshman team is an unknown quantity but with their more abundant opportunities for practice and superior numbers from which to draw it is probable that Captain Davis will get together a combination which will make the other teams step lively.

Bishop Hughes Will Speak.

The College is unusually fortunate this year in obtaining as the speaker for the Sunday chapel service of February 10 Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, one of the most popular and influential executives of the Methodist Church Altho he is kept very busy as the supreme head of Methodism in New England it seems he is not too busy to find time to come before the students of Old Midd and talk to them for a few minutes. The Bishop will probably feel at home in addressing college students for he was the President of De Pauw University until 1908, when he was consecrated to the Bishopric. Dr. Hughes is considered one of the two most popular and most sought for bishops of the Methodist Church. He is a popular speaker with college students, as the Havard men, before whom he recently spoke, will testify. In addition to his address to the students Bishop Hughes will preach a sermon at the union service in the Methodist church in the evening.

THE FACTS

1 Outstanding debt $511.67

2 When Incurred. Between January 1915 and June 1916.

3 Reason for Deficit.

The old appointive system made no provision for placing responsibility in the Business Department. For this reason the accounts were hopelessly mixed and many of the assets lost.

4 Changed Conditions.

The new competitive system insures the placing of financial responsibility and obviates financial loss, as proved by our record.

5 Present Status.

The Campus is meeting current expenses under the credit system which has been in operation since the spring of 1916.

6 The Alternative.

Prompt settlement of account or discontinuance of publication.

7 The Solution.

The hearty co-operation of alumni, students, faculty, and College.

A little kitten is an insignificant thing ordinarily but certain French students were nearly saved from a final examination in French last week by the playfulness of one of these little creatures. This was when Professor Robinson left the examination questions for one of his classes on his desk when he retired for bed one evening last week. The Professor's kitten on discovering them there later, apparently saw in these sheets of white paper sufficient material for a game of solitaire, for the papers were soon torn into a thousand pieces. But fortunately, or perhaps unfortunately for some, it was not too late to remedy the destruction so the Professor made them out again in the morning, thus bringing to naught the kitten's attempt to befriend the students.

THE LAST CALL

Wilson's Watchful Waiting Ended With an ULTIMATUM

America Rallied

Every man in the Service Receives The Campus Regularly.
They are Fighting for YOU.
Are you Willing to Sacrifice for THEM?

Our Policy of Appeal Ends with an ALTERNATIVE

Will Middlebury Rally?

IT IS UP TO YOU

EDITORS MEET

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5 O'Clock. Address, "Duty of the Vermont Press in Time of War,'
L. B. Johnson, Randolph.
H. L. Hindley, Rutland.

6 O'Clock. Recess. Dinner at College dining room at 6.30 o'clock followed by remarks by President John M. Thomas.

Friday Evening, January 18.

8 O'Clock. At Mead Memorial Chapel.
College Students.
Address, Dr. Talcott Williams, Dean of the Columbia University School of Journalism.
College Students.
Address, Mr. Stone of the Associated Press if Present.
College Students.

Saturday Forenoon, January 19.

8 O'Clock. Business meeting.
Affiliation with National Editoria Association.
Government Control of Paper.
Memberhip and Dues.
Exit the Dollar Weekly.

9.30 O'Clock. Address, "Advertising," Mr. N. A. Huse, of New York, Vice-President of the American Press Association.

10.30 O'Clock. Report of Committees.
Unfinished Business.
Election of Officers.

11.30 O'Clock. Adjournment.

Committee on Resolutions.
F. E. Howe, Bennington
J. L. Southwick, Burlington.

AN ODE TO BACCHUS.

'Twas ten below zero, and all through the dorm
No water was running, cold, hot, or luke-warm:
The water-works down town had frozen and burst;
While my pal with a grouch and I with a thirst
Were cussing the cold and concomitant woes
That followed in train when the water-pipe froze.
That aqueous fluid, that translucent stuff
That we little esteem when there's more than enough,
In this dire hour of need our parched gullets did fail;
Yea, the cold wind of winter was blowing a gale!
Then mischievous memory carried us back
To the days on the farm when we nothing did lack;
When the water in eddies flowed round our bare toes,
Where wild in the meadow the mock-turtle grows.
On a sudden the thought that a Bacchic solution
Would do for a drink, if not for ablution,
Inspired us with hope and filled us with glee;
So we straightway prepared for a glorious spree.
We sallied down town to a grog-shop we knew
And told the bar-tender we felt somewhat blue:
Then lapped in Elysium while draining our beaker
We felt quite some warm—and also some weaker.
With hip pockets taxed to their utmost ability,
We mosied back home with diminished stability.
Ensconced in our bed we heard such a clatter
We jumped to the window to see what was the matter.
Lo! there on the green, gleaning snow in a pail
Was a buxom young damsel braving the gale.
Full many a bushel of snow-flakes so soft
With tender solicitude bore she aloft.
It was not her thirst that troubled the fair,
But meticulous cleanliness seemed her chief care.

H. H. C. & R. H. B.

BASKETBALL STARTS SOON

With baseball eliminated from our athletic program, plans are now under way to develop a varsity basketball team and if possible to establish a State league to include Vermont, Norwich, St. Michaels College, and Middlebury. Nothing definite with regard to the latter has been accomplished as yet, but Coach Murch has been communicating with the other colleges of the state, and has received replies from Vermont and from St. Michaels. The athletic council of the University of Vermont had already voted to abolish all varsity athletic contests this year, but they informed Coach Murch that the proposal for a state league would be taken up for discussion and that they might reconsider their former action. St. Michaels is favorable to the plan and is willing to co-operate in forming a league. The attitude of Norwich University is not known at present.

In case the league is organized, Coach Murch favors the appointment of three referees, to be chosen by the officers of the league rather than by the institutions represented. This would tend to eliminate friction over decisions.

Mr. Murch also has in mind a game between the Seniors and the faculty, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Two of the younger professors have signified their willingness to play, and if there are five men left in the senior class after exams, the comedy will probably be staged.

Following is the tentative schedule, subject to change.

February	2.	Midd at St. Michaels.
"	9.	Norwich at Midd.
"	16.	Midd at Vermont.
"	23.	St. Michaels at Midd.
March	2.	Midd at Norwich
"	9.	Vermont at Midd.

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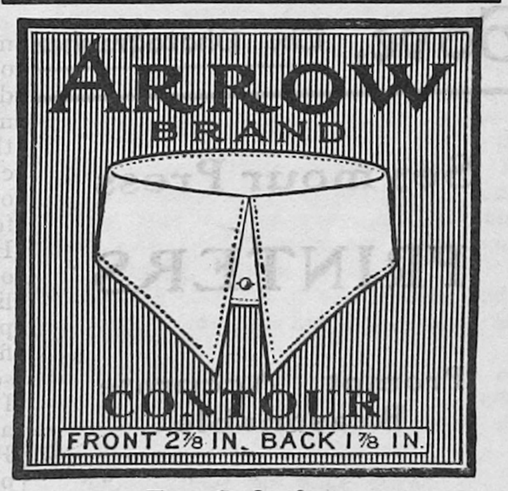

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Palinode to the Steam Roller.

'Twas the night after midyears, and all through the dorm
'Twas as still as the atmosphere after a storm.
My pal with a headache, and I with a flunk
Crawled wearily each to his feathery bunk.
The fat bulls of Bashan were nothing beside
The bull we had thrown and the lies we had lied.
We had wrestled with Latin, with Greek, and with Math,
And indulged in sulphuric but impotent wrath.
The dreaded steam-roller had passed on its way,
With the skipper and crew, red-hot from the fray.
I would that my faltering pen could relate
The destruction that swooped upon many a pate.
'Twould elicit a flow of lachrymose lymph
From the battle-bleared eyes of the skipper himself.
Full many a stalwart and promising youth
Had yielded his soul, and his goat, forsooth;
But the faculty chuckled over the fun;
And the cruel steam-roller ground scornfully on.

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A. B. KING'S LETTER

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man who comes into the hut for writing material or tobacco or what-not,—it is the trump-card. And that is my aim and ambition each day. I have come to realize it does a great deal of good. I have a program during the week of this nature. Monday a moving picture entertainment; Tuesday, a speaker or other entertainer as may be furnished by the Division Secretary; Wednesday, a French class conducted by a canteen worker—we serve chocolate before class; Thursday, games or the Regiment Band concert; Friday, boxing and wrestling; Saturday, a quiet evening for reading and writing; Sunday, I conduct a Bible study class in the morning; we have a football game in the afternoon and a service in the evening. One afternoon in the week I visit the local hospital and take the men something to read and a few smokes. I have written to the War Service Committee for tobacco and it is in the hospital I wish to use it. There is no free tobacco available from the Y. M. C. A. and so this that I hand to the sick men I furnish myself. The climate of this part of France keeps a bunch of men on sick report and I need more tobacco than I feel I can supply.

I think I have written you that I was greeted with an "Is Chippy King in the crowd," when I landed in Paris late in the evening of October 24. It was "Don" Salisbury '16 who is in Y. M. C. A. work here in France. He was the first man I had met in France whom I knew in the States. The second was Dr. Benton who was then located at the Paris Y. M. C. A. headquarters but I understand he is now out on the field in charge of a Division. Last week I had a surprise in reading The Campus and finding that A. A. Robertson '15 was over here "somewhere." The address given indicated he was about three miles from my town and the next day I was on my Y. M. C. A. bike, off to look him up. He surely was a surprised man when I walked in on him in his barrack. I do not think it will be long before his outfit is on the front. I don't believe his surprise could have been any greater than the one I received when Second Lieutenant Levi Lamb walked in one day and asked for cigarettes. He is stationed about four miles from here.

No doubt there are many other things you would like to hear about. The best way I think would be to write me and ask questions, and as far as the censor would permit I should be pleased to answer them. If I can be of any service to any one I should be pleased to do so. If there is any message I can take to any friend or be of help in any way I should like you to feel free to call on me. In case the distance is too great for me to get there I can call upon one of my fellow workers in that district.

With best wishes to the college and all its organizations I am,

Very loyally yours,
Arthur B. King.

In the Wonderful Land of Dreams.

(A contribution.)

Just before exams. Time: Near midnight. My philosophy book lay open before me and I gazed at it dreamily. "Oh dear! I can never remember all these men. I know their theories are very wonderful but how can anyone ever remember what each one thought and said and so forth. Now for instance, there are Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Socrates and ever so many others. Let me see, Heraclitus believed that fire was the main living principle in the universe. Yes, a very fine theory indeed! Dear me, I feel so cold. I wish—why look, what's that I see over there? Smoke! It must be a fire. Yes, it's the library. Oh joy! Professor Abbott won't require any outside reading for some time to come. Bing! there goes my philosophy book into the blaze, too. Just look at all those wise philosophers sizzling. That's one on them!

But see, now all the campus is ablaze. Well, I must save the old chapel, for we couldn't ever have a Middlebury College without it, and besides, where would the Seniors plant the ivy? Donnerwetter! Davie's Phonetic Chart! Ye gods and little fishes, I must save that! Now let everything else burn if it wishes.

Now the gymnasium is ablaze; Oh joy! we won't have to take exams, will we? Why we can't, can we? Of course not! Still they might make us take them in the chem building or Warner Science. But that is impossible! The small rooms don't look formidable enough, and besides they are conducive to cheating. So hip hooray! No exams! And won't the freshmen be glad when they find out that they won't have any more gym classes!

But the very best of all is that there won't be any place left where we can pay our bills for next semester. Won't the seniors be glad though! Most of them are bankrupt already. Just think of having to pay a Kaleid tax of $8.65 apiece, and besides that the $1.00 Campus bill (though that's not so bad)—but a senior tax of $11.00 just for a sheepskin is terrible! Why do we need sheepskins in the summer time, anyway? We ought to have them now! I suppose the athletic tax would have been added as usual. I don't see why, though. Are we going to have any games? It doesn't look that way. Well, at all events we can't pay our bills now for the gym has expired.

Look! what's that smoke downtown? The Register Building must be burning. Isn't that where The Campus is printed? That place must be saved at any risk for there may perchance be some student contributions there for The Campus. I simply must rescue them. Well, I did get there and just in time to save the day! Look here, Ruth Hesselgrave, I have just rescued 3,000 student contributions for The Campus, and you go around complaining that no one ever hands in anything. You and Richard Buffum must be some editors! What's that? They're not contributions? What are you insinuating? Why—er— huh?

But how on earth did my philosophy book get on the floor?

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